Study on weaknesses in health delivery systems in States

498. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a group of experts to study the population profile of the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa to identify weaknesses in the health delivery systems to suggest measures that would be taken to improve the health and demographic status of the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the first meeting of the reconstituted National Commission on Population (NCP) which was held on 23rd July 2005 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister, it was decided to set up five groups of experts for studying the population profile of the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa to identify weaknesses in the health delivery systems and to suggest measures that would be taken to improve the health and demographic status of the States. Accordingly, five expert groups have been set up by the Government on 29.9.2005 and each expert group has completed two rounds of meetings for the purpose.

Inadequate diagnostic facilities for cancer patients

499. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cancer patients are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the existing diagnostic facilities in hospitals'are inadequate to meet the increased requirements; and

(d) If so, the details of measures Government propose to take in this regard?